

THE NEWARK BRANCH

N.A.A.C.P.

Celebrates Its

81st Anniversary of the Freedom Fund Dinner

Theme:

CELEBRATING OUR LEGACY — A VISION FOR THE 21st CENTURY

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THE NEWARK BRANCH NAACP

Proudly Salutes Its

FULLY PAID GOLDEN HERITAGE LIFE MEMBERS

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President's Message

On behalf of the Newark Branch NAACP, I am proud to extend a most cordial welcome to you, our supporters of the 81st Freedom Fund Dinner.

Through your support, we have been able to continue the NAACP's vital crusade for better education, voting rights, decent affordable housing, equal employment and job opportunities.

The Newark Branch has also addressed health conditions in our community through health fairs and promoted increased awareness through voter education.

We are still in the struggle to make change. Our major role as volunteers is to build upon our legacy as we continue to carry out the national and local program mandates.

The NAACP needs your financial contribution and active participation in branch activities.

Join NOW and protect your future, your children's future and the next generation.

Together we can make a difference!

Susie M. McGhee
President



GUEST SPEAKER

THE REV. CALVIN O. BUTTS, III, D.Min.

Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, is the Pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church. His commitment to the enhancement of God's kingdom on earth has manifested itself in his loyal attention to the daily activities and services of the congregation as well as the pervasive impact of the church on community development initiatives: homelessness, senior citizen and youth empowerment, and ecumenical cultural awareness.

Dr. Butts is a native New Yorker. He spent a few years in the South where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Morehouse College (1972). He returned to New York and earned a Master of Divinity degree in Church History from Union Theological Seminary (1975), and a Doctor of Ministry in Church and Public Poetry from Drew University (1982).

Rev. Dr. Butts is Chairman, Board of Managers for the C.T. Walker Housing Corporation. He is a member of the Board of Directors of United Way of New York City, The Central Park Conservancy Board. Dr. Butts serves as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Graham Windham Services to Family and Children, for the National Black Initiative on Cancer, and many other committees. He has served as President of Africare, an independent organization dedicated to the improvement of the quality of life in rural Africa. He also served as Chairman of the Board for the Harlem Branch YMCA. He has taught Urban Affairs and served as an Adjunct Professor in the African Studies Department at City College, New York. He has also taught Black Church History at Fordham University.

Dr. Butts served as President of the Organization of African American Clergy which led the fight against Police Brutality in the City of New York. The Organization of African American Clergy also spearheaded boycotts against other New York institutions for their racist policies and employment discrimination against African American people. He also led a nationally acclaimed and most effective campaign in eliminating negative billboard advertising in the Central Harlem communities and in many communities around New York City. He was joined in this effort by prominent individuals in other areas of the country who carried out similar campaigns with equal success. Rev. Butts' billboards whitewashing has helped to further sensitize our country to the evils of drug abuse and exploitative advertising. Most recently Dr. Butts was at the vanguard of the issue of negative rap lyrics specially targeted to women and violence and is on a mission to uplift the moral and ethical standards of the human community.

Calvin Butts is active in the total life of African American people in New York City, and has received numerous awards and commendations for his efforts, including Man of the Year, Morehouse College Alumni Association; The Morehouse College Candle Award; The William M. Moss Distinguished Brotherhood Award, Concord Baptist Church of Christ; The Louise Gisher Morris Humanitarian Award, presented by The Utility Club of New York City, and more than 100 awards and commendations. Dr. Butts is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Prince Hall Masons, a Grand Chaplain, State of New York, and has received the 33rd and final degree in Masonry. He has been listed twice as a New York Power Broker by Manhattan, Inc. magazine and a Living Treasure by the New York City Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Dr. Butts continues to be invited to preach in distinguished pulpits throughout New York City and vicinity, as well as nationally and internationally. Dr. Butts has traveled to Africa, Europe, The Middle East, Cuba and throughout the Caribbean Islands.

Dr. Butts currently delivers a weekly commentary and sermon each Sunday, on 98.7 (KISS) Radio at 7:00 a.m. This medium enables him to spread his ministry throughout New York City and vicinity.

He is married and has three children.



Mistress of Ceremonies

CONNIE WOODRUFF is known throughout the country as a journalist, labor leader, educator, politician and community activist.



Ms. Woodruff was an organizer, educational director, business agent and Director of Community Relations for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL-CIO for 20 years. In 1978 she joined the faculty at Essex County College as a teacher of Labor Studies. In 1979 she was appointed Director of Public Relations and Development.

She served four terms as chair of the N.J. Association of Commissions on the Status of Women and served as President of the National Association of Commissions for Women.

Her many political activities include Past Democratic National Committee Woman and delegate to several Democratic National Conventions. Currently, she serves as Commissioner on the Essex County Board of Taxation, as a gubernatorial appointment.

Her membership in many diverse groups include the NAACP, AKA, and National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

Ms. Woodruff is a columnist for black newspapers and commentator for network and cable television. Her weekly column "As I See It" appears in City News, a statewide publication.

Chairperson

It is my privilege to extend a warm welcome to the 81st Anniversary of the Freedom Fund Dinner.

This special occasion gives us an opportunity to network with churches, community based organizations, businesses and corporations. Through your support, the Newark Branch can make a difference as the NAACP continues to face the many challenges of today.

A special thanks to my co-chairpersons Daisy Stokes and Daniel Williams and the committee who have worked so diligently to make this event a most memorable and successful one.



DOROTHEA LEE

CHAIRPERSON

NAACP Golden Heritage Life Member



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MENU

Melon with Citrus Cap

Caesar Salad with Hot Garlic Bread

Chicken Stuffed with Wild Rice

Chausseur Sauce

Broccoli

Rosemary Roasted Potatoes

Orange Sherbert

Coffee and Tea



Branch Service Award

ARTICE S. NOVELL



Artice S. Novell has worked diligently and tirelessly in many capacities and on many branch sponsored projects since 1982.

He has served as Chair and Co-Chairman of many successful membership campaigns. His commitment to soliciting NAACP memberships is evident by the numerous awards he has received. Mr. Novell is a Life Member, Subscribing Golden Heritage Life Member and serves on the Newark Branch Executive Committee.

He is a graduate of West Side High School and a decorated service veteran. For the past 24 years he has been employed by the United Health System. His church affiliation is Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.



Service Award

LULA M. COX

Lula M. Cox is a trail blazer and role model for Afro-American volunteers, has been responsible for recruiting more than 75 African American volunteers for HOSPICE.

She became acquainted with HOSPICE during her search for resources to assist her in the home care of her terminally ill husband. HOSPICE took care of her husband and ministered to the entire family.

Lula was so touched by the service given by HOSPICE that she decided to give back and became a volunteer with HOSPICE. One of her main missions was to spread the word among other African-Americans, most of whom did not know about HOSPICE. After conferring with Dr. James Scott and his wife Dr. Beverly Scott, the Bethany HOSPICE, Inc. Training Program was implemented. The first class of seventeen volunteers graduated in 1994 at HOSPICE, Inc. in Glen Ridge, N.J. Through the diligent work of Ms. Cox, assisted by Harold Flowers, a second class of 72 volunteers

representing twelve African American churches graduated in June 1995 at Bethany Baptist Church.

Lula Cox visits and assists the sick, prepares meals for the elderly and offers words of comfort to those in need.

A native of North Carolina, she migrated to New Jersey where she met her late husband, Lewis. During her nineteen years of employment with the N.J. Dental School, she and her late husband served as advocates and special friends to African American dental students. They were always there to listen, to encourage and to provide a home away from home for these students.

She is the mother of a son, Gregory Cox.



Congratulations to the

Newark Branch NAACP

*as it celebrates the 81st Anniversary
of the Freedom Fund Dinner.*

Your work is needed more than ever today.

CONGRESSMAN DONALD M. PAYNE
10th Congressional District



Congratulations and Best Wishes!!

To the NEWARK BRANCH

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

At the 81st Annual Freedom Fund Dinner

"Celebrating our Legacy - A Vision for the 21st Century"



WYNONA M. LIPMAN

New Jersey State Senator

29th Legislative District

I rejoice about the advocacy that the NAACP has provided for the people of Newark and that which this year's chairperson, Dorothea Lee, has provided for my political initiatives. Our most prolific Black bard, Langston Hughes, shares some inspiring thoughts in his poem, DEMOCRACY.

Democracy will not come
Today, this year
Nor ever
Through compromise and fear.

I have as much right
As the other fellow has
To stand
On my two feet
And own the land.

I tire so of hearing people say,
Let things take their course,
Tomorrow is another day.
I do not need my freedom when I'm dead,
I cannot live on tomorrow's bread.

Freedom
Is a strong seed
Planted
In a great need.
I live here, too.
I want freedom
Just like you.



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on your

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SHARPE JAMES, MAYOR

City of Newark, New Jersey

"On behalf of the City of Newark, I am happy to extend my sincere congratulations to the members of the Newark Branch of the NAACP. You have rendered outstanding service to African-Americans and all residents of our community, and it is with great pleasure that I salute you upon this momentous occasion."



Best Wishes to the Newark Branch
of the
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
on the occasion of its
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The City of East Orange
MAYOR CARDELL COOPER
and
The East Orange City Council

MARK L. SCOTLAND, Chairman

BEVERLY K. WILLIAMS, First Ward
CAROLYN V. MEACHAM, First Ward
CHARLES ROBINSON, JR., Second Ward
CLINTON O. WILLIAMS, Second Ward
JIMMY SMALL, Third Ward
YVONNE C. BLAKE, Fourth Ward
PHILLIP THIGPEN, Fourth Ward
MARY E. PATTERSON, Fifth Ward
CAROL Y. CLARK, Fifth Ward



Mildred C. Crump

Councilwoman-at-Large

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in its

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CONGRATULATIONS!